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PRQ Part II - CAMBIO-1

The following information is submitted as Part II of the Personal Record Questionnaire on:

36. CAMBIO-1.

37. Subject appeared on 16 March 1951 at S-2 Liaison Office, 759 Military Police Battalion, with some mining maps of the Kragebirge region. Although he had fled the area in November 1949, he had returned back in January 1951 and collected the information for the maps (MGS-11437). Since he had worked at a drafting board for ECIC from March to June 1950, no attempt was made to debrief him on his knowledge of Wismut installations. A preliminary conversation with [] however, disclosed that he had some experience in mining sabotage and might be of interest to BIRTHM. [] suggested that CAMBIO-1 might be able to answer some briefs on Soviet Transport units. From March until May 1951, agent has been developed along the lines of organizing informants in the Wismut mining area.

38. Yes, preferably to a case officer with knowledge of Wismut A.G.

39. On the basis of agent's statements, it would appear that he usually has recourse to violence in dealing with unpleasant situations. He has been fighting since 1941 against Soviet Russia in the uniform of the Wehrmacht, Waffen SS and Wismut, A.G. As a German patriot, he claims to be working for a strong, united, independent and orderly (not necessarily democratic) German fatherland. Convinced that the issue can be settled only by war, he understands for the time being that Germany must take a subordinate role in the struggle against Communism. As a soldier, he will obey the orders of the Americans in command. Living in squalor as he now does and having asked for no money, it would appear that financial gain plays at most a minor role in his motivation.

40. a) CIC report on agent (MGS-A-3644, Attachment 1) terms him a possible Soviet agent because "his war record does not agree with what is known of the units to which he was allegedly attached". Agent sticks to his

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account of his military record which, in more detailed form than CIC report, is to be found in PRQ, Part I, and in his Lebenslauf (MOS-A-9113). Since CIC report lists agent as single, he was queried on this discrepancy which he shrugged off with the explanation that CIC did not bother to ask him if he were married.

b) MOS has been queried as to the truth of agent's statement that he conducted a Soviet officer from the Soviet Zone into the American Zone of Germany in October 1948 (MOS-A-9130).

c) A local check is being made on agent's statement concerning an LDP resistance group which printed and distributed pamphlets in 1949, the paper for which agent says he pilfered from Wismut, A.G.

41. Agent's statement that he was sentenced to 25 years hard labor coupled with his hatred of Communism is a definite control factor. He realizes, moreover, that his anti-Communist activities will be more effective when directed and financed by American interests. Control will be increased by constant supervision over his intelligence activities.
42. An American intelligence agency (probably not CIC) which submits his reports to higher headquarters for confirmation.
43. See MOS-A-3644, attachment 1, para 10. Agent was inadequately debriefed by CIC on his personal history and it is not known what became of his ten weeks' interrogation at ECIC which agent states was extensive and complete.
44. Agent has submitted information on Soviet Transport units, ore shipments and Soviet personalities which is to be evaluated by Meador. By training he is qualified to give technical information on uranium mining. He has a retentive memory for dates, figures and faces.
45. Following a careful investigation of agent's background, it is planned that he act as head agent for an increasing number of sub-agents resident in the uranium mining area of the Soviet Zone of Germany. If his recruiting and intelligence gathering is successful, he would probably be useful in sabotage in this field at a later date.
46. No.
47. CAMBIO has approximately ten sub-sources sitting on low-level targets from whom he personally obtains reports on a continuing basis.
48. It is proposed to pay agent a monthly salary of 200 Westmarks while the project remains in the developmental stage. First monthly payment made in May 1951.
49. No.
50. No.
51. Lower middle
52. Not known, although he appears to be a devoted husband and father.

53. CAMBIO is probably loyal and willing to carry out orders, although it remains to be seen whether he would follow a course of action which he considered unwise on the instructions of his case officer. Believing that the end justifies the means, he probably has little concern for the way in which he achieves his objective. At the present stage, this might endanger his security when operating in the Soviet Zone of Germany. By the same token, his sense of bravado when associating both with friends and with strangers should be curbed in the interest of his security. This is balanced on the other hand by his ability for bluffing, outright lying, posing, speaking in dialect and other ways of dissembling adopted by fugitives from Communism. In reporting, he is scrupulous about specifying what he himself has seen, what a sub-source has seen, and what he believes might be true. His prose is somewhat simple and direct.
54. Because he resides in the French Sector of Berlin, it is conceivable that he might collaborate with FIS.
55. Agent's knowledge of mines, engineering and explosives would be of value in sabotage.
56. Photograph was submitted in MCB-4-9112.
57. Agent filled out Part I of PRQ in presence of case officer.